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## STATEMENT OF U.S. SENATOR BARBARA BOXER REGARDING CALFED FRAMEWORK

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The CALFED Framework announced today is an important step toward the goals of restoring the Bay-Delta and providing a more reliable supply of water to people, farms and wildlife. It is a tribute to all those who have stayed at the table through years of difficult negotiations.

However, while the Framework reflects tremendous effort and is headed in the right direction, it is still only a map to a final destination and, in some cases, a map without important details. For this process to produce a product that is in the broad public interest, the Record of Decision will need to contain clear assurances in many important areas and we will need to move forward with legislation and administrative actions that fulfill the goals and commitments of this plan.

This plan will require Congressional authorization and significant annual appropriations. I will work to ensure that this framework fulfills its promise. We must restore the Bay-Delta ecosystem and provide a more reliable supply of water. As implementing legislation moves through Congress, I will oppose any attempt to waive or weaken our landmark environmental laws, including the Endangered Species Act.

While many deserve credit in this process, I especially want to praise the work of Senator John Burton. Without his vigilance and firmness the process could not have produced a plan that makes such progress toward balancing competing interests.

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